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to comply with the alternative request to allow rent-free quarrying in private lands, as there is no provision for such a remission. It may, however, be mentioned that an area of 16 acres in R.S. No. 122-1 of Kanul desam at a distance of half a mile from R.S. No. 76 of Andur desam has already been granted to the stone cutters for quarrying purpose and this area has not yet been completely occupied.''

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—'' In view of the fact that the fee fixed by the Government has no relation to the market value of the stone cut and in view of the terrible fall in prices which has been taken place quite recently, and in view of the fact that the workers are not in a position to make both ends meet, may I know whether the Government will consider the question of making some reduction in the fee that is collected at present? ''

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—'' I would like to have notice, Sir.''

*Extent of land to be brought under cultivation after the construction of a culvert in Kaludur channel in Vriddhachalam taluk.*

* 1191 *Q.*—SRI M. KATTIMUTHU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state how many acres of land are expected to be brought under cultivation after the construction of a culvert in Kaludur channel in Vriddhachalam taluk?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' It is presumed that the Member refers to the scheme for the construction of a dam across the Kaludur odai in Vriddhachalam taluk of South Arcot district. If so, the extent, proposed to be brought under irrigation under the above scheme is 300 acres in the first instance. The ultimate ayacut contemplated is 1,200 acres.''

SRI M. KATTIMUTHU :—'' களுதூர் ஓடையிலேயே அதன் குறுக்கே இன்னும் கொஞ்சம் அதிகச் செலவிலே ஒரு சிமிட்டி அணைகட்டி, அதன் பக்கத்திலே நீர்த்தேக்கத்தை ஏற்படுத்தினுல் ஆயிரக்கணக்கான நிலங்களுக்கு பாசன வசதி ஏற்படும் என்று தெரிவித்துக்கொள்கின்றேன். ஆகவே, இம்மாதிரி ஒரு அணையைக் கட்டிக்கொடுப்பதற்கு மந்திரி அவர்கள் யோசனை செய்வார்களா ? ''

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—'' If the hon. Member is referring to a different scheme, he may send me a proposal. I shall have it examined.''

*Enhancement of salaries and status of elementary school teachers.*

* 1192 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have received any memoranda from the M.L.As. of